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SUBJECT: Q & A'S FOR CONGRESSMAN SNYDER, NO. 2

1. CONGRESSMAN GENE SNYDER HAS SUBMITTED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO US TO ANSWER. TO ASSIST US, WOULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US INFORMATION TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS BY MAY 14.

2. FOR CAIRO AND PANAMA: "THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAS PROFESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE NATIONAL OPERATION OF THE SUEZ CANAL BY THE EGYPTIANS. HAVE THERE BEEN TALKS BETWEEN PANAMANIAN AND EGYPTIAN LEADERS ON MUTUAL COOPERATION, ON HOW TO NATIONALIZE THE PANAMA CANAL, ETC.? AT ONE TIME, PANAMA WAS DISCUSSING SENDING THEIR NATIONALS TO THE SUEZ TO BE TRAINED. ARE THERE PANAMANIANS TRAINING AT THE SUEZ AT THE PRESENT TIME, AND IF SO, HOW MANY AND FOR WHAT KINDS OF JOBS?"

3. FOR PANAMA ONLY: "DOES ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO., OR HAS IT EVER DONE, ANY WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA?"

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NOTE: ARTHUR ANDERSEN IS THE AUDITING CONSULTANT OF THE

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